



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 01-1278-D)

In the Application of:)	
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Chen <i>et al.</i>)	
)	Art Unit: 1648
Serial No.: 10/058,466)	
)	Examiner: Li, Bao Q.
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For: Method and Medium for Detecting)	
Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus)	

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on August 25, 2004. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-2490.

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